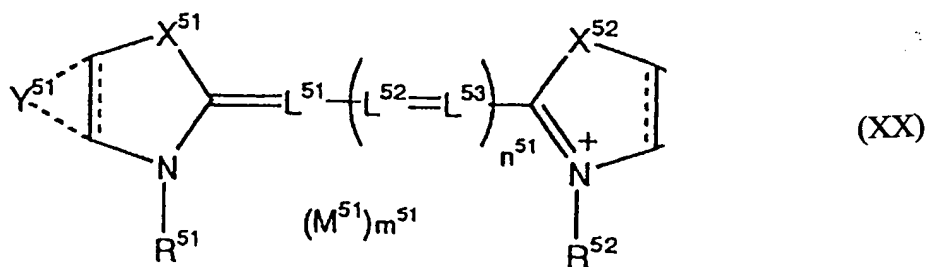


wherein Y represents a furan ring, and Y may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring, or may have a substituent; the bond between two carbon atoms in which Y is condensed may be a single bond or a double bond; Z represents an atomic group necessary to form a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring, and Z may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring; R represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, aryl group, or heterocyclic group; D represents a group necessary to form a methine dye; L¹ and L² each represents a methine group; p represents 0 or 1; M represents a counter ion; and m represents a number of 0 or higher necessary to neutralize the charge in the molecule.

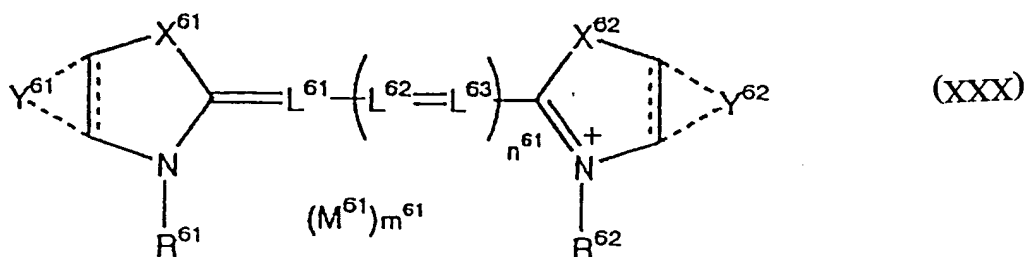
4. (Amended) The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the methine dye represented by formula (I) is represented by the following formula (XX):



wherein Y⁵¹ represents a furan ring which may be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent, and two carbon atoms to which Y⁵¹ is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; X⁵¹ and X⁵² each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, a tellurium atom, a nitrogen atom, or

a carbon atom; Y^{52} represents an atomic group necessary to form a benzene ring or a 5- or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring, which may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent, and two carbon atoms to which Y^{52} is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; R^{51} and R^{52} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; L^{51} , L^{52} and L^{53} each represents a methine group; n^{51} represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; M^{51} represents a counter ion; and m^{51} represents a number of 0 or higher necessary to neutralize the charge in the molecule.

5. (Amended) A silver halide photographic material which comprises at least one methine dye represented by the following formula (XXX):



wherein Y^{61} represents a thiophene ring which may be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent but is substituted with at least one halogen atom, and two carbon atoms to which Y^{61} is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; X^{61} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom; X^{62} represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom,

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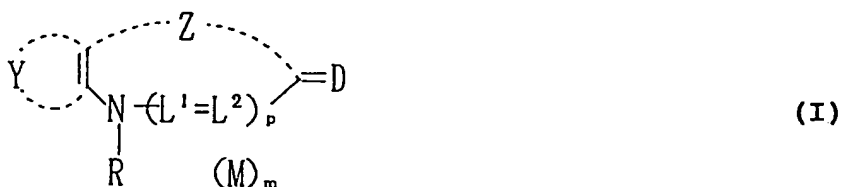
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a tellurium atom, a nitrogen atom, or a carbon atom; Y^{62} represents an atomic group necessary to form a benzene ring or a 5- or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring, which may be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent, and two carbon atoms to which Y^{62} is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; R^{61} and R^{62} each represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; L^{61} , L^{62} and L^{63} each represents a methine group; n^{61} represents 0 or 1; M^{61} represents a counter ion; and m^{61} represents a number of 0 or higher necessary to neutralize the charge in the molecule.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) A silver halide photographic material which comprises at least one methine dye represented by the following formula (I) :

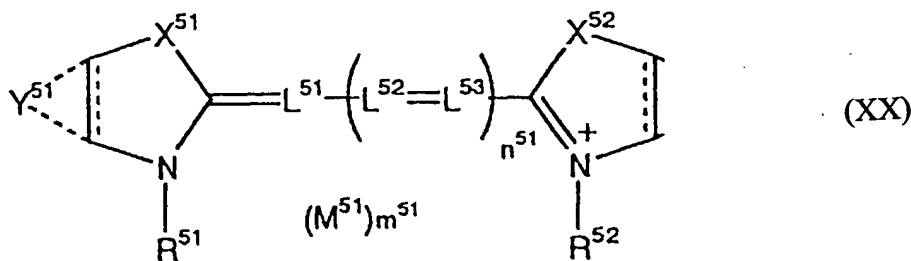


wherein Y represents a pyrrole ring, and Y may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring, or may have a substituent; the bond between two carbon atoms in which Y is condensed may be a single bond or a double bond; Z represents an atomic group necessary to form a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring, and Z may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic ring or heterocyclic ring; R represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, aryl group, or heterocyclic group; D

represents a group necessary to form a methine dye; L^1 and L^2 each represents a methine group; p represents 0 or 1; M represents a counter ion; and m represents a number of 0 or higher necessary to neutralize the charge in the molecule.

12. (New) The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 11, wherein Z represents an oxazole ring, a selenazole ring, an imidazole ring or a 4-pyridine ring.

13. (New) The silver halide photographic material as claimed in claim 11, wherein the methine dye represented by formula (I) is represented by the following formula (XX):



wherein Y^{51} represents a pyrrole ring which may be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent, and two carbon atoms to which Y^{51} is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; X^{51} and X^{52} each represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a selenium atom, a tellurium atom, a nitrogen atom, or a carbon atom; Y^{52} represents an atomic group necessary to form a benzene ring or a 5- or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic ring, which may further be condensed with other 5- or 6-membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring or may have a substituent, and two carbon atoms to which Y^{52} is condensed may be bonded by a single bond or a double bond; R^{51} and R^{52} each

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a³ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; L⁵¹, L⁵² and L⁵³ each represents a methine group; n⁵¹ represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 ; M⁵¹ represents a counter ion; and m⁵¹ represents a number of 0 or higher necessary to neutralize the charge in the molecule.
